Adjournment motion re:—

(1) *Interference with the rights of personal and property of the public.*

President.—There are two adjournment motions. The first in order is that of Dr. A. R. Menon which refers to "the recent unauthorised interference with the rights of person and property of the public, on the part of the Government servants and other high-handed actions that caused great trouble, inconvenience, annoyance and injury to them by forcing them to vacate their residences, to close down their premises and stopping their business and interfering with their daily avocations in diverse ways."

There is no necessity to consider this as the Member has withdrawn the same. Permission is given to withdraw the motion.

The motion was withdrawn with leave.

(2) *A statement made in the paper.*

President.—The next one stands in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew and it has reference to

"The most weighty and significant statement that 'as material prosperity advances the development of administration may not be permitted to lag behind'."

Does it refer to a matter of urgent public importance? I mean, what is the definite issue raised in this? Some definite issue must be raised.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Immediate steps should be taken to see that the administration does not lag behind the material prosperity of the country.

President.—You say this is a matter of urgent public importance. The development of administration should not be permitted to lag behind.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—If the adjournment motion is carried, it would mean that the Government should take the necessary steps so that the administration does not lag behind the material prosperity of the country.

President.—Further this is a statement which appeared in the Banquet speech made by His Excellency the Viceroy. I do not know whether it is within the province of this Council to speak on it.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It is only in support of the statement I wish to speak.

President.—I want to know whether such things can be permitted.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—No reference to His Excellency the Viceroy will be made in the course of the discussion.

President.—You have put it in inverted commas. That shows that somebody has made that statement. Who is it that has made this statement?

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Mr. K. T. Mathew.—That you have already said.

President.—So that it is His Excellency the Viceroy. I don't consider the motion to be in order.

The motion was ruled out of order.

President.—The Secretary has got some grievance. He says this was handed over to him written *in pencil* instead of *in ink*.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—It was written in the Council Hall.

President.—It must be written in ink. It should be kept as a record.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I hope it is not on that reason that this is disallowed.

President.—It is only after disallowing that I say. You should not pass such remarks that, because it is not written in ink, it was disallowed. The motion is not in order. My ruling has been made. This is an observation I made at the instance of the Legislative Council Secretary. You tell me that I disallowed the motion because it was not written in ink. That comes with a bad grace.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I shall write it in ink and bring it.

President.—That is the proper way instead of saying that I am rejecting these motions on these flimsy grounds.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know, Sir, the reason for rejecting?

President.—That is because it is a statement made by His Excellency the Viceroy at the Banquet speech and you want to discuss it. I disallow it on that ground.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Under what section?

President.—Under section 11 of the Council Regulation.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Can the Member question the ruling?

President.—It is a matter that I have considered very carefully.

Bill to amend the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code.

President.—Next Bills.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code be taken up and passed.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Question proposed: *'That the Bill to amend the Cochin Criminal Procedure Code be taken up and passed'.*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Abkari Regulation be taken up and passed.

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